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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against ROBERT WRIGHT, EDWARD BASLEY, ELLERI BAILEY, BRIAN STEVENS, LARRY ELLISON, KAREEM MYERS, DENNIS WALLS, and SEAN RUFFIN. WRIGHT, BASLEY, and BAILEY are charged with distributing cocaine, and possessing cocaine with the intent to it, on various dates in 2004 and 2005, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a), and/or the aiding and abetting of these offenses, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2. Additionally, the Indictment charges WRIGHT, STEVENS, ELLISON, MYERS, WALLS, and RUFFIN with distributing cocaine and cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a). The indictment also charges BASLEY with firearms offenses in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(c)(1)(a).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
ROBERT WRIGHT	Charles Street Philadelphia, PA	32 years old
EDWARD BASLEY	Marple Street Philadelphia, PA	26 years old
ELLERI BAILEY	W. Abbottsford Avenue Philadelphia, PA	38 years old
BRIAN STEVENS	Keyser Street Philadelphia, PA	33 years old
KAREEM MYERS	Westford Road Philadelphia, PA	27 years old

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
LARRY ELLISON	W. Hansberry Street Philadelphia, PA	46 years old
DENNIS WALLS	Alcott Street Philadelphia, PA	36 years old
SEAN RUFFIN	Gilham Street Philadelphia, PA	38 years old

Wright faces a maximum possible sentence of 120 years imprisonment, six years of supervised release, an \$8 million fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

Basley faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment (with a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment), five years of supervised release, a \$7 million fine, and an \$800 special assessment.

Bailey faces a maximum possible sentence of 30 years imprisonment, six years of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

Stevens faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment (with a mandatory minimum of ten years imprisonment), a \$6 million fine, eight years of supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

Ellison faces a maximum possible sentence of 90 years imprisonment, six years of supervised release, a \$6,000,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

Myers faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment (with a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years imprisonment), an \$8 million fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

Walls faces a maximum possible sentence of 60 years imprisonment, six years of supervised release, a \$6 million fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

Ruffin faces a maximum possible sentence of 100 years imprisonment, a three-year period of supervised release, a \$5 million fine, and a \$500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the DEA Task Force and the Philadelphia Police Department, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Grigsby.

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